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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Bucharest Area and Clinceni (R 43-44/C 53).

Between December 1951 and March 1952, there was intensive air activity over Bucharest by jet planes with pronounced swept-back wings. As the planes usually flew very high, source could not observe where they came from. The aircraft usually flew individually or in elements of two, and only occasionally in V formation.

2. Source never heard or observed any indications of an airfield which was allegedly built on the former training grounds and firing range of Ghencea located north and northwest of the camp.¹

3. [REDACTED] there was regular commercial air activity by twin-engine Douglas aircraft and intensive local flying by biplanes. Source assumed that an airfield was located west of the camp, on the extension of the road which comes from Bucharest, passes south of the camp and extends toward Draganesti (R 43-44/C 30). The biplanes apparently circled over the field in close succession. The take-offs and landings could not be observed, but source saw that the planes usually lost altitude and climbed from northwest to southeast. No air activity by jet planes was observed there. ²

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- 25X1X 4. Ghimbay (R 35/X 23). Prior to [REDACTED] December 1951, source observed that biplanes and small high-wing monoplanes coming from Ghimbav airfield flew in the area west and southwest of Brasov. Formation flying by up to 12 biplanes was occasionally observed.³
5. The area between the two roads from Rasnov to Tohanul-Vechi (R 35/X 17) and to Tohanul-Nou (R 35/X 16), which had been used as an alternate airfield by the German Air Force during WW II, was not used prior to December 1951.⁴

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that Bucharest-Chencea field is still used as a firing range and troop training grounds by the Rumanian Army.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. This information probably refers to Clinceni airfield which is about 15 km west-southwest of Bucharest. According to press reports of 1948 and 1949, this field was usually used for flight training by the FAR (Federatia Aeronautica Romana), a Rumanian aeronautical association, and as landing field by the Soviet Rumanian commercial association TARS. Since no recent reports are available, the intensive air activity by biplanes cannot be commented on. However, it is believed that basic flight training is usually conducted at the field. It cannot be determined whether preilitary flight training, which is usual in the satellite countries, is conducted or whether Rumanian Air Force troops practice at the field.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. According to the press reports mentioned above, Ghimbav airfield is also used for flight training by the FAR.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. No records are available on the former German advanced airfield near Rasnov. This airfield is believed to be of minor importance because there are no or only few possibilities for enlarging the area of the field.

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